

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 8 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7361–S7450

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3639–3650, S. Res. 527, and S. Con. Res. 108. **Page S7415**

Measures Reported: Report to accompany S. 3524, to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to improve health care provided to Indians under the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Programs. (S. Rept. No. 109–278)

S. 2832, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965. (S. Rept. No. 109–279)

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Measures Passed:

Condemning Terrorist Attacks: Senate agreed to S. Res. 527, condemning in the strongest terms the July 11, 2006, terrorist attacks in India and expressing sympathy and support for the families of the deceased victims and wounded as well as steadfast support to the Government of India as it seeks to reassure and protect the people of India and to bring the perpetrators of this despicable act of terrorism to justice. **Page S7441**

Printing Authority: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 108, authorizing the printing of a revised edition of a pocket version of the United States Constitution, and other publications. **Pages S7441–42**

National Veterans Awareness Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 507, designating the week of November 5 through November 11, 2006, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7742**

National Mammography Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 508, designating October 20, 2006, as "National Mammography Day", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7742**

National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 499, designating September 9, 2006, as "National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7742–43**

Commemorating 50th Anniversary of U.S. National Motto: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 96, to commemorate, celebrate, and reaffirm the national motto of the United States on the 50th anniversary of its formal adoption, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S7743–44**

Louis Braille Bicentennial—Braille Literacy Commemorative Coin Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2872, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Louis Braille, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7444**

Homeland Security Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 5441, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7366–S7407**

Adopted:

Bingaman Amendment No. 4591, to provide financial aid to local law enforcement officials along the Nation's borders. **Pages S7367–68**

Coburn Amendment No. 4562, to require that any limitation, directive, or earmarking contained in either the House of Representatives or Senate report accompanying this bill be included in the conference

report or joint statement accompanying the bill in order to be considered as having been approved by both Houses of Congress. **Pages S7368–69**

Coburn Amendment No. 4561, to require that reports required in the bill to be submitted to the Committee on Appropriations and the Department of Homeland Security's annual justifications of the President's budget request shall be posted on the Department of Homeland Security's public Web site not later than 48 hours after such submission unless information in the report compromises national security. **Pages S7369–70**

Coburn Amendment No. 4590, to make appropriations available for the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Homeland Security to ensure compliance with the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note). **Pages S7373–74**

Coburn Modified Amendment No. 4585, to prohibit the use of funds available to the Coast Guard for operating expenses for the continuation of operations of Long Range Aids to Navigation stations nationwide, except in Alaska, far northwest, and far northeast Continental United States of America. **Pages S7370–73, S7374–77, S7382**

Gregg (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 4558, to prohibit the expenditure of appropriated funds to enforce or comply with the limitation on the number of Transportation Security Administration employees. **Page S7387**

Gregg (for Salazar) Amendment No. 4554, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a report on the conduct of activities to achieve communications interoperability. **Page S7387**

Gregg (for Kerry) Amendment No. 4552, to repeal the Transportation Security Administration's exemption from Federal procurement law. **Page S7387**

Gregg (for Feingold/Sununu) Amendment No. 4569, to require reports to Congress on the Department of Homeland Security's use of data-mining. **Page S7387**

Gregg (for Byrd) Amendment No. 4614, to establish procedures for grants for State and local programs. **Pages S7389–90**

Byrd Amendment No. 4620, to ensure adequate safety at high-risk chemical facilities. **Pages S7388, S7390**

Baucus Modified Amendment No. 4621, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct tests of unmanned aerial vehicles for border surveillance along the border between Canada and the United States. **Pages S7388–89, S7390–91**

Withdrawn:

Coburn Amendment No. 4589, to reduce appropriations available for certain training, exercises, technical assistance, and other programs. **Pages S7373, S7384**

Pending:

Feinstein Amendment No. 4556, to amend chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the unauthorized construction, financing, or, with reckless disregard, permitting the construction or use on one's land, of a tunnel or subterranean passageway between the United States and another country and to direct the United States Sentencing Commission to modify the sentencing guidelines to account for such prohibition. **Pages S7366, S7399**

Thune/Talent Amendment No. 4610, to establish a program to use amounts collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels. **Pages S7384–86**

Vitter Amendment No. 4615, to prohibit the confiscation of a firearm during an emergency or major disaster if the possession of such firearm is not prohibited under Federal or State law. **Page S7386**

Menendez Modified Amendment No. 4634, to provide that appropriations under this Act may not be used for the purpose of providing certain grants, unless all such grants meet certain conditions for allocation. **Pages S7399–S7401**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 194), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as made effective by section 7035(a) of P.L. 109–234, with respect to Biden Amendment No. 4553, to increase amounts for the rail and transit security grant programs. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would increase mandatory spending, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S7377–81, S7382–84, S7387**

By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 195), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2006, with respect to the emergency designation provision in Clinton Amendment No. 4576, to restore funding to States and local governments for terrorism prevention activities in the Homeland Security Grant Program to fiscal year 2005 levels. Subsequently, a point of order that the emergency designation provision would violate section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 was sustained and the provision was stricken. Also, the Chair sustained a point of order that the amendment would exceed the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation, as made effective by section 7035(a) of P.L. 109–234, and the amendment thus falls. **Pages S7391–95, S7396–97, S7398**

By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 196), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2006, with respect to the emergency designation provision in Schumer Amendment No. 4587, to increase the amount appropriated for transit security grants by \$300,000,000. Subsequently, a point of order that the emergency designation provision would violate section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 was sustained and the provision was stricken. Also, the Chair sustained a point of order that the amendment would exceed the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation, as made effective by section 7035 of P.L. 109-234, and the amendment thus falls.

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Chair sustained a point of order against Cornyn Amendment No. 4577 (to Amendment No. 4556), to provide for immigration injunction reform, as being in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate which prohibits legislation on appropriations matters, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 13, 2006.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Philip S. Goldberg, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bolivia.

John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Security and Non-Proliferation).

Henry M. Paulson, Jr., of New York, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years; United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Asian Development Bank; United States Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Navy.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—196) **Pages S7387, S7398, S7399**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, July 13, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7444.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Frederic S. Mishkin, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be First Vice President, and J. Joseph Grandmaison, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, both of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Edmund C. Moy, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, and Geoffrey S. Bacino, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Marc Spitzer, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

VIETNAM

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine S. 3495, to authorize the extension of non-discriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Vietnam, receiving testimony from Karan K. Bhatia, Deputy United States